

5 REMARKS

Attached herewith is a copy of the appeal brief previously filed. The claims have been amended in such a manner that they are now presented as a clean set of claims. Please accept this brief as a replacement of the brief filed on September 22nd, 2005.

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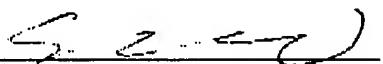
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CONCLUSION

10 In light of the foregoing remarks, early consideration of the appeal is most
courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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